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For : METHOD FOR REMOVING LEUKOCYTES, LEUKOCYTE-
REMOVING FILTER AND THE USE THEREOF

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed June 1, 2005 and October 5, 2007,
and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the European Search Report for
corresponding European Patent Application EP 03 77 6023, in which the following documents
were cited:

EP 0 811 412 A1, December 10, 1997; and family member U.S. Patent No. 6,048,464
(Tanaka et al.), issued April 11, 2000; and

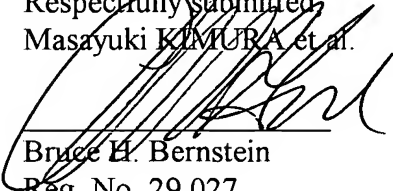
EP 0 155 003 A2 and A3, September 18, 1985; and family member U.S. Patent No.
4,701,267 (Watanabe et al.), issued October 20, 1987.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of the U.S. Patents) and the European Search Report for EP 03 77 6023 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned if any copy is needed.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if any fee is necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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